(iv) To consider at what level the direct recruitment should be made to the Service for whether it should continue both at the level of Assistant and Section Officer together with the percentage of direct recruitment.

(v) In the event of the Central Secretariat Service being a Group A Service what will be its impact on (a) the mode of recruitment not only to the posts of Section Officers but also to the posts below this level in the Service and (b) on the filling up of posts at the level of Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary and above in the Central Secretariat.

The Committee is expected to finalise its report by 31.7.1992.

Clearance to Foreign Proposals

*221. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for foreign collaboration cleared during the last three months;

(b) the projects for which foreign aid clearance is likely to be given;

(c) the countries with whose collaboration these projects are likely to be set up; and

(d) the time by which the implementation of these projects is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). During last 3 months vis. from December 1991 to February 1992, approvals have been given by Government as well as Reserve Bank of India for a total of 513 foreign collaboration proposals. Of these 212 proposals envisage foreign investment by foreign companies of Rs. 922.85 crores in the equity capital of the Indian companies.

The details of approved foreign collaboration proposals viz. name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator, name of the country, the nature of collaboration and the item of manufacture are being published by the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi, as a supplement to its monthly Newsletter, Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

The gestation period of an industrial project will vary not only from industry to industry but also from project to project. Clearance of foreign collaboration proposals is also an on-going process. No time schedule can, therefore, be indicated in this regard.

Survey of closed Coal Mines

*222. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Inspection Committee of the Coal India Limited and Bihar Government have conducted any survey to make the closed coalmines operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(d) the estimated production of coal as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a) to (d). It is learnt from Coal India Limited that such a Committee has ben formed by Government of Bihar and some officers of Coal India Limited have been associated